

GRACE TODAY

Vol. 22 No. 2

January 14, 2018

John MacArthur
PASTOR-TEACHER

Clayton Erb / Minister of Music

Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship
in His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of
the many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



8:30 & 10:30* am

BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR

Fugue in A Minor • Bach • Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 179 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus • Congregation

Hymn 180 And Can It Be?

My Eternal King • Marshall/Krogstad • Worship Choir

Hymn 274 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross • Congregation

Christ Died for God • Camp-Frazier • John Martin

MESSAGE: **TWO COVENANTS**

John MacArthur • Galatians 4:21–5:1

Communion

Old Hundredth • Trad./Bock • Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty • Trad. • Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise • Congregation

Baptism • Rick McLean

Hymn 196 I Will Glory in My Redeemer • Offertory

MIKE RICCARDI PREACHING

Postlude

To maintain a worshipful atmosphere in the services, please do not applaud after musical numbers.

Anthem

My Eternal King

My God, I love Thee;
Not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst't me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst't bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace;

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O everloving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my Eternal King!

Lyrics from an anonymous seventeenth-century Latin poem (translated by the Rev. Edward Caswall)
Music by Jane M. Marshall

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic and Korean translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
102 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T375

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors, ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service, and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



MESSAGE **Jesus Is Gloriously Transfigured**

PASSAGE **Luke 9:27–36**

PRINCIPLE Jesus' glory is seen during His transfiguration.

FEATURED HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 107)

ASK YOUR CHILD What did God the Father reveal about His Son?

APPLY By listening to Jesus through God's Word.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Luke 9:27–36.

NEXT WEEK Matthew 19:16–26

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Shepherds' Conference Volunteer Information**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

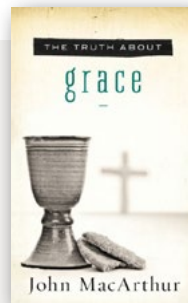
The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

GRACE BOOKS HIGHLIGHT

THE TRUTH ABOUT GRACE

BY JOHN MACARTHUR

Grace is the defining feature of the Christian faith. In this book, our pastor illuminates this profound concept with verse upon verse of Scripture.



Grace to You

RADIO gtv.org/radio

Myths About Salvation

- KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES M–F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M–F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gtv.org/television

"How to Recognize a Real Church, Part 2"

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gtv.org

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.

Building a Foundation on

Fundamentals of the Faith

Fundamentals of the Faith helps to lay a foundation upon which spiritual lives can be built.

We hold a very high regard for Scripture at Grace Community Church. We believe it is the inerrant word of God. Scripture is God's revelation to us. It informs us, convicts us, guides us, and encourages us. It is able to lead us to salvation. As Paul writes, "All Scripture is inspired [breathed out] by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

Fundamentals of the Faith (FOF), a twenty-two-week course that teaches the basic doctrines of the Bible, has provided a clear and straightforward approach to the study of Scripture at Grace Church for many years. The course helps to lay a foundation upon which spiritual lives can be built. It's never too soon—or too late—to take a Fundamentals of the Faith class. The lessons provide both a broad overview of the Bible and closer looks at important topics. Major topics include the attributes of God, the work of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, salvation, prayer, worship, spiritual gifts, and evangelism. The focus is always on Scripture, that which God has revealed to us in His word.

Fundamentals of the Faith started here about forty years ago, and today more than 30,000

copies of the student workbook (English) are sold each year. FOF has also been translated into more than thirty different languages, including Spanish, French, Korean, Arabic, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindu, Tagalog, Russian, Creole, Swahili, and Urdu, to name just a few. The material is used in churches, Bible studies, small discipleship groups, and prisons; on the mission field; and for self-study all over the world.

FOF teachers at Grace Church have been through a rigorous training program. During twelve weeks of preparation, they are challenged in their abilities to dig out and teach biblical truth. They are required to write essays on complex doctrinal topics such as the trinity, the kenosis, predestination, and spiritual gifts.

GOD'S WORD

They study these subjects at a deeper level, so that they can explain them to the students in a way that is simpler to grasp. We are blessed to have about twenty Fundamentals of the Faith teachers serving in our ministry at any given time. Many of our teachers are seminary students who will eventually leave Grace Church to serve elsewhere, but FOF will go with them. All of the men who teach the course have the desire to serve God by sharing the truths of His word with others.

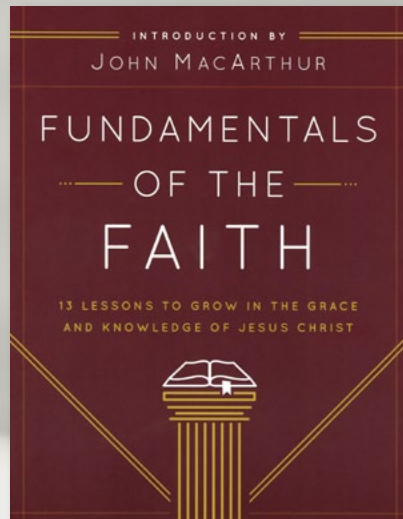
Here on campus we offer "small scale" Fundamentals of the Faith classes, averaging 10–12 students. This approach allows for plenty of interaction and discussion between the students and teachers, providing an excellent environment for learning. The classes

remain together as a group throughout the length of the course, and often a special bond develops between the students and teachers.

You can register for a Fundamentals of the Faith class at the table located on GraceWalk every Sunday morning.

Classes meet on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, and workbooks are available at the first meeting. FOF workbooks and teacher guides in English and Spanish are also available at the bookstore or online at gracebooks.com.

If you haven't taken an FOF class, take the opportunity to sign up this morning. As the psalmist writes, "The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple" (119:130). Come share in this blessing today. ■



Fundamentals of the Faith
Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. • Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

To register or for more information, stop by the table on GraceWalk this morning or visit gracechurch.org/fof.

Faith Promise Fruit

Your Faith Promise giving impacts the gospel ministry efforts of our missionary families around the globe. In a recent newsletter, Grace Church missionaries Wayne and Carol Mack shared what the Lord has been doing in the life of one of their biblical counseling students, who wrote, "This has been counseling boot camp for me! I thank God for you, for raising you up in this noble and worthy task at Lynnwood Baptist Church. I have received rich treasures—hope for my ministry as a counselor, tools and teaching to take back to my local church to equip them, and relationships with wonderful new friends and great leaders and teachers of kindred hearts. Thank you!" God has been at work. Let us praise Him and continue to pray for the students, teachers, and other helpers who make these courses possible in South Africa.

To learn more about Faith Promise or our ministry efforts in South Africa, call 818-909-5700.

Shepherds' Conference

March 7–9

Volunteer Sign-Ups

To sign up to volunteer to serve during the conference, stop by the patio table this morning or visit gracechurch.org/volunteer. The deadline for volunteer sign-ups is January 21; there is a mandatory volunteer meeting on January 28.

Scholarships

For information about providing a scholarship for the 2018 Shepherds' Conference, visit gracechurch.org/scholarship.

Grace Around the World

The **Wilhelmsson** Family

Miska & Alison, Jeremiah, Simeon

Serving in **Finland** since **2017**

Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for a blessed arrival to full-time pastoral ministry in Finland.
- Pray for continual support and a bigger meeting place for our church.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$24,807**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Hope Bible Study

Thursdays • 7:00 p.m. • T271–272

Hope Bible Study is a transitional ministry that labors to encourage those who have been beset by life-dominating sin, such as drugs and alcohol, with the hope of Christ, the changing power of His Word, and the fellowship of His Church. If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please email hopegcc@gmail.com or call the 818-909-5721.

Elders Meeting

Thursday, January 18 • 7 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

Job Opportunities

Accounting Manager. The Grace Church Accounting Department has a full-time opening for an accounting manager. Candidates will manage day-to-day operations of a fast-paced team environment and oversee and review processes related to month-end close, audit, and year-end tax reporting. Position requires ability to research and document tax and accounting issues; excellent organizational, analytical, and multi-tasking skills; experience with accounting software and Microsoft Office; and management experience. Degree in related field preferred.

Custodial. The Grace Church Ministry Facilitation Team has several part-time openings (24–29 hours/week), for custodians who enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires the ability to be detail oriented and thrive in a fast paced environment. Job duties include room set-up and break-down, and various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.

Nursery Workers. Children's Ministry currently has several part-time openings (10–20 hours/week) for nursery workers. Hours are primarily Sundays and Wednesdays. Must be able to exhibit love to parents, children, staff and desire to serve through humility, patience and joy. Prior work experience in childcare is preferred and must be able to successfully pass a background check.

Applicants for employment must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon and a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at HR@gracechurch.org or 818-909-5672.

Logos Institute Winter Classes

A Study of the Early Church An Overview of Acts and the Pauline Epistles

January 22–February 26 (Mondays) • 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Paul Twiss • Cost: \$30

Biblical Doctrine 102: Praise the Father, Praise the Son

An in-depth study of the attributes and nature of God the Father and the Son.

January 23–February 27 (Tuesdays) • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Eric Dodson • Cost: \$30

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

High School Winter Camp

Please note that 180 will not meet this morning, due to Winter Camp.

Sojourners Women's Fellowship

Thursday, January 18 • 9:30–11:30 a.m. • T270s • Guest Speaker: Amanda Sattler

Childcare for children pre-K and younger by reservation.

All women are welcome. Call 818-887-9717 for more information.

TMS Seminary Wives Now through April 4 (Wednesdays)

6:45 p.m. • T260 • Child care is available for children three years old and younger.

To register, email kbusenitz@tms.edu.

With the Lord

Barbara McCrory recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

8:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Cornerstone

(All ages) T371
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Mark Tatlock, Harry Walls

Doulos (Singles & young

families) T361
Pastor: Carl Hargrove

FaithBuilders (All ages) T261

Pastor: Bill Shannon

GraceLife (All ages)

Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

**Spanish Adult Sunday
School** H221-222

Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

10:30 a.m.**Children's Sunday School**

Special needs class available
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Crossroads

(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

High School (Grades 9–12)

T73 (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T261

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T361

Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Developmentally Disabled

CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

Sojourners (All ages) T371

Pastor: William Varner

Spanish Adult Sunday

School H221–222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
David González

Spanish Worship Service

Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney

12:30 p.m.**Neighborhood Outreach**

H223–224

5:00 p.m.**Sunday Night Prayer Group**

T385

6:00 p.m.**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4–6)
Chapel (Grades 1–3)
T270s (Ages 3–5)

Visit our website at

GRACECHURCH.ORG

Fridays 7:30 p.m.**The Guild** (Single adults)

T361
Pastor: Don Carr

Mondays 9:00 a.m.**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower
H = Heritage
CC = Children's Center

MINISTRY DIRECTORY**Administration**

818-909-5500

Children

818-909-5631

Logos Institute

818-909-5500

Membership

818-909-5644

Men

818-909-5537

Outreach

818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care &
Counseling**

818-909-5537

Prayer

818-909-5519

Spanish

818-909-5722

Special Ministries

818-909-5519

Student

818-909-5593

Women

818-909-5521

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**13248 Roscoe Blvd.
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

*Our mission is to glorify God
and extend His kingdom by
living and proclaiming
His truth in the world.*

Grace Today is published weekly by Grace
Community Church. ©2017 by Grace
Community Church. Scripture, unless
otherwise noted, is taken from the NEW
AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE®. © The
Lodwick Foundation 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968,
1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995.
Used by permission.